

Fund Asked To Thwart 'Bugging'

By the Associated Press

Echoes of the "bugged eagle" in the American Embassy in Moscow were heard today in a State Department plea for a crash program to combat eavesdropping on diplomatic secrets.

The request for \$637,000 to pay for experts and devices to detect and nullify "eavesdropping techniques beyond our present capabilities" was in testimony made public today by the House Appropriations Committee.

William O. Boswell, State Department security director, told the committee that over 85 per cent of the "eavesdropping devices so far discovered" have been found by State's own security men.

Last year Henry Cabot Lodge, then United States Ambassador to the United Nations, disclosed that a microphone had been found concealed in an American eagle plaque on the wall of an office of the United States Embassy in Moscow. Mr. Lodge did not make it clear when this "bug" had been discovered, but there were indications it was several years before he made his U. N. speech about it.

Mr. Boswell told the committee more funds were needed because the science of electronic eavesdropping has progressed beyond means of detecting the devices.

He called for a "crash program" to meet "new and threatening developments."

The security officials explanation of how foreigners listen in secret to what American diplomats say in private was censored from the testimony

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